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Honorable James H. Welsh
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RE: **APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING**
Proposed Tuscaloosa Zone, Reservoir A Well
At Exceptional Location
Elm Grove Field
Caddo Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

On behalf of O'BRIEN ENERGY COMPANY ("Applicant"), application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Tuscaloosa Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit the Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Hutchinson No. 2 Well for the production of gas and condensate from the Tuscaloosa Zone, Reservoir A, at the location shown on the attached plat, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Statewide Order No. 29-E.
2. To consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Tuscaloosa Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-F, effective January 21, 1997, and was also defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-F-22, effective August 7, 2001.

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Pertinent data pertaining to this application is available for inspection at the Offices of O'Brien Energy Company, 5925 Line Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Alan Brittain at (318) 865-8568, during normal business hours, or write Mr. Brittain at the above address in order to arrange a time and date for such inspection. Copies of such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.


A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto, and a copy of this notice, with the annexed plat, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons to whom this notice must be sent under the Rules of Procedure.

A check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation, and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

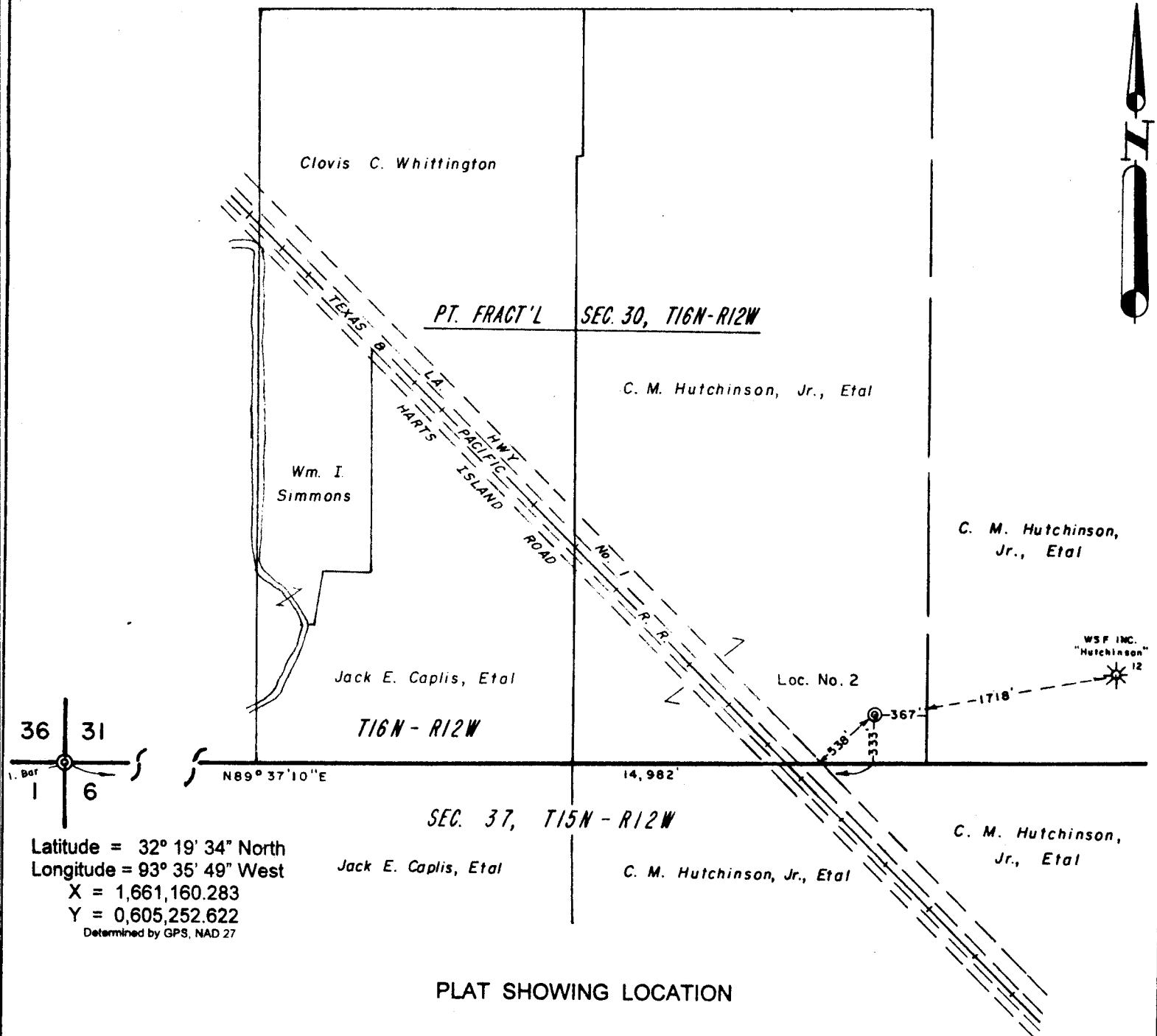
By: 
Wm. Timothy Allen III
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Enclosures

- cc: Mr. James Broussard, Shreveport
District Manager (w/enclosures)
- cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)

FRACTIONAL SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST,

CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA.



Latitude = 32° 19' 34" North
Longitude = 93° 35' 49" West
X = 1,661,160.283
Y = 0,605,252.622
Determined by GPS, NAD 27

PLAT SHOWING LOCATION

O'BRIEN ENERGY COMPANY — HUTCHINSON No. 2

From the Southwest Corner of Fractional Section 31, Township 16 North,
Range 12 West, run along the South line of Township, N 89° 37' 10" E, 14,982 ft.;

Thence North, 333 ft. to Location.

Location being located in Fractional Section 30, T16N - R12W,
Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Ground Elevation No. 2 = 149.9 ft.

DATE: December 14, 2002

SCALE: 1" = 1000'

I hereby certify that the above plat correctly reflects this location
as staked on the ground and that it conforms to the Louisiana
Standards for property boundaries and surveying, where applicable.

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